

# HALL PROBERS FRANTIC AS CASE NEARS JURY; CRUEL QUIZ FOR GIRL

## Prosecutor Takes Warrants Back To Win Witness

By LEO J. CASEY

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 13.—Confident that the solution of the Hall-Mills slaying rests in the wringing of further admission from the girl companion of Ralph V. Gorsline, New Brunswick vestryman, the prosecution in the four-year-old crime today prepared to bear down relentlessly on Catherine Rastall in the week remaining before the case is presented to the grand jury.

Gorsline and Miss Rastall last Thursday broke a silence of four



Mrs. Hall



Mrs. Mills

years when they admitted their presence together on the old Phillips farm at the hour the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills were killed. The girl broke first and the vestryman's admission followed.

### Deny Knowledge

They heard "mumbled voices," shots, a woman's scream, they said. The voices, according to Miss Rastall, were but forty feet from where she and Gorsline sat in the parked car.

But that was as far as the "confession" went. They recognized no one. They had no more knowledge of the murderers' identity, they insisted, than if they had been miles instead of a few feet away.

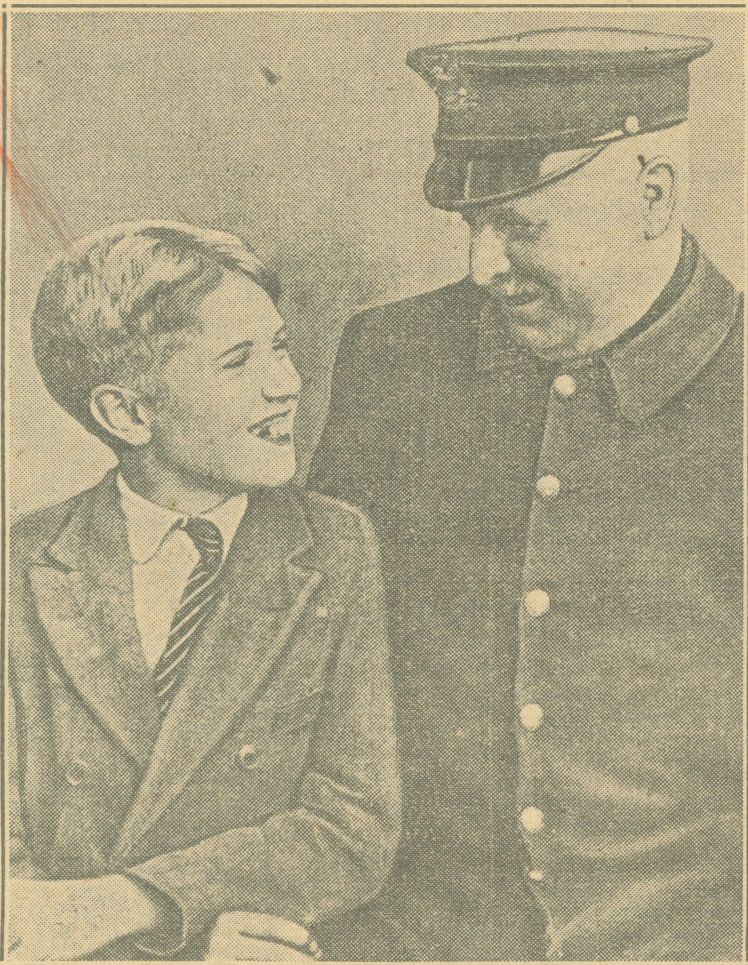
Police frankly declared the couple to be withholding the entire truth. And because Gorsline, cold, unemotional and shrewd, told nothing until his companion talked, the prosecution is now unleashing its batteries on the girl.

Detectives who questioned her again at state police headquarters here will take her for a second and even a third time over the scene of the crime. For long hours relays of skilled examiners will grill her unmercifully.

But the time-honored police methods to make an unwilling witness talk will be but a small part of the scheme to force Catherine

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## Real Chip of the Old Block



JOHNNY MORAN, 13, emulating the bravery of his father, William, a Jersey City fireman, who has rescued scores of persons, swam out to sea at Leonardo Beach and rescued Andrew Barney, 11, of Irvington, who was sinking in the surf.

## Boy and Girl Saviors Of 7 in Capsized Boat

OCEAN CITY, N. J., Sept. 13.—Thorne Henderson, 17, and his 16-year-old sister, Edith, today are being acclaimed here as the saviors of their father and six other men. All were flung into the water three miles from shore when their rowboat capsized.

### J. W. CUNNINGHAM DEAD

James Willett Cunningham, who died at Redding Ridge, Conn., after a brief illness, was president of James W. Cunningham & Co., Inc., ship chandlers, 24 Water St.

### TO WED ON WEDNESDAY

Miss Catherine Howard Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Tyler Barbour of 15 East 10th St., will be married to Arthur McKinnon Stires Wednesday in St. Thomas's Church.

## Wife Wants Revolver, Suing for Divorce

"I'm being driven frantic by this hounding. Wherever I go some one follows, dogging my footsteps as if I were a criminal," Mrs. Madeline Pross Axtell cried last night in her apartment at 294 Riverside Drive.

Her marital difficulties with her husband, Silas Blake Axtell, wealthy admiralty lawyer, whom she is suing for separation on the ground of extreme cruelty, reached a sensational stage when she applied at Police Headquarters for a permit to carry a revolver.

"Something will have to be done," she declared earnestly. Doors to my home are being forced, my mail is ransacked, and the only letters I get are bills, the envelopes of which have been ripped open.

"Recently I was followed by two

men who were among those indicted for breaking into my apartment in the Seacrest Hotel, Atlantic City."

She alleges that Axtell took her to Richmond, Va., kept her "virtually a prisoner for two weeks and then coerced her into marrying him in her golf knickers. She ran away after six weeks.

She asks \$750 a week alimony, and is getting \$250 a month on a temporary order.

## Gang Sought in Plot To Free Men in Tombs, Foiled by Rookie Cop

Police today believe they will fully uncover the extensive plans of a gang to deliver a number of convicts from the Tombs. An attempted jail delivery was frustrated yesterday and one suspect was arrested.

The attempt was foiled by a rookie cop, James E. Crane. Patrolling Foley Square, he saw a car containing six men stop in front of the Tombs.

He partially hid himself in a doorway opposite the jail. All men got out of the car, one carrying a bag. By chance, he saw the patrolman. He turned around and started to rush for the car, dropping the bag in an ash can. It was later found to contain a hacksaw, twelve blades and two loaded revolvers.

As the car started Patrolman Crane jumped on the running board. While he was trying to whip out his gun the driver of the car swung around in a semi-circle at Lafayette and Pearl Streets and knocked Crane off. The rookie hurled his nightstick through the rear window of the car and pumped the contents of the revolver at the car. One of the tires was flattened but the men escaped.

Patrolman Louis Friedman, hearing the shots, rushed toward the Tombs. He found John Hogan standing in a doorway opposite. He couldn't give any good reason for being there and was arrested. He was arraigned in \$25,000 bonds.

## Wound in Back Will Keep Smith From Ballot Box

It is reported that Gov. Smith will be unable to come to New York to cast his vote in the primaries tomorrow.

This is the first time in thirty-one years that the governor has been kept away from the ballot box. And it all comes about through a minor operation for removal of a mole on the chief executive's back.

The wound itself is giving the governor no pain, but he is hampered in his movements by the adhesive strapping which protects it.



Gov. Smith

## Baruch's Butler Says Wife Missing With Bankbook

Joseph Renesch, butler in the home of Bernard M. Baruch, 6 West 52d St., reports to the police that Mrs. Frances Renesch, his wife, has been missing since September 9.

She left the house, where she was a maid, the husband says, ostensibly to go to the movies. A search of her room revealed the fact that her best dresses were missing; also \$250 in cash and a bank book.

Mr. Baruch is in Europe, and the butler is alone in the house at present.

### ELKS CELEBRATE

More than 10,000 persons attended the silver jubilee celebration of the Yonkers lodge of Elks at Empire City race track yesterday.

## Trial Today of 4 Cops Accused Of Bootlegging

The work of Commissioner McLaughlin's "secret service squad," inaugurated two ferret out dishonesty in the Police Department, has resulted in a captain, two sergeants and three patrolmen going on trial today before the commissioner charged with aiding bootleggers along the waterfront in Canarsie, Jamaica Bay, Bergen Beach and Barren Island.

Captain Joseph Bannon of the Morrisania station, the Bronx, is the principal defendant. He was made a captain in 1924 by former Commissioner Enright. Bannon was severely grilled by McLaughlin on August 26, and was ordered suspended with the others.

## English Society Women Offend the Venice Police

LONDON, Sept. 13.—According to a story published here, Venice has been shaken to its foundations by the behaviour of several English society women who had staged "a treasure hunt" in the neighborhood of St. Mark's.

They are said to have worked themselves, and those about them, into such a state of excitement

that the police had to interfere. It is hinted that Lady Wimborne, Lady Diana Manners Cooper, Lady Cunnard, Lady Abdy and Lady Berner were members of the party.

Lady Wimborne Manners Cooper also figures in the news as having set the fashion of wearing bracelets around her ankles under silk stockings.



Lady Diana Manners Cooper

The women may receive a royal reprimand, it is said.

### COUPLE WILL WED

The marriage of Miss Rae Furman, daughter of John M. Furman, headmaster of the Irving School, Tarrytown, N. Y., to Carl Walter Olson will take place on Thursday.

### MISS REID TO WED

The marriage of Miss Mary Eleanor Reid, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Reid, to William Robert Bradley will take place Saturday morning in St. Patrick's Church, Newburg, N. Y.